

Grand Ayodhya township project gets underway

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LUCKNOW: The Yogi Adityanath government has launched its prestigious Ayodhya Township project in the temple town. To be executed in nine phases on 1,407 acres, the township will come up on both sides of the Lucknow-Gorakhpur highway.

As part of the first phase, an Agra-based agency has taken up the construction of a road in the upcoming township. Engineers from the company reached Ayodhya to roll out the works for which land has been acquired in Manja Barhata, Manja Tirwa and Shahnawazpur of Ayodhya.

The township will house residential, commercial and multi-utility complexes along with state bhawans.

According to the housing and urban planning department, 28 plots have been assigned for mutts/ashrams, 12 for hotels, six for multi-utility housing and one for group housing.

In addition, one plot each will be allotted for an institution, school, nursing home and warehouse.

Divisional commissioner of Ayodhya division Gaurav Dayal has confirmed that the phase one works have been launched with the construction of roads.

While the housing board has already allotted plots to Gujarat and Uttarakhand governments for state bhawans, it has received similar requests from Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka,



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Maharashtra, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh governments.

Also known as the Ayodhya Greenfield township project, the state government has conceptualised it to decongest the temple town.

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP: A VIBRANT HUB

- Area- 1,407 acres
- A lake filled with water of river Saryu to come up on 430 acres
- Project to house residential and commercial plots, group housing, ashram/mutts, international guest houses
- Housing and urban planning department of the state government is executing the project.

The process for e-allotment of plots for mutts/ashrams began Friday on the housing board's website and will continue till April 29.

According to the board, for plots measuring up to 3,000 sq metre the registration fee is Rs five lakh and for plots above

3,000 sq metre, it will be Rs 10 lakh.

The National Institute of Hydrology at Roorkee has been roped in to construct an artificial lake in the township and connect it with the river Saryu.

The lake project will be spread across 430 acres.

Plans afoot to make Holi special at Ram temple

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LUCKNOW: Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirath Kshetra Trust is planning to make first Holi at Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya after construction of Ram temple there a grand affair. Celebrations in the run-up to the festive day on March 25 will mark cultural activities and special Vedic rituals at the sanctum-sanctorum of Ram temple. Even devotees will be allowed to play Holi with Ram Lalla.

The Trust is also consulting priests to finalise special rituals and other functions for Holi. The deity will wear a new dress specially designed for the occasion and special offerings of 56 dishes will be offered to the deity. This will be distributed among devotees as "Prasad".

"This Holi will be the first after construction of Ram Mandir. We want even devotees to be the part of Holi celebrations at the temple," said Satyendra Das, head priest of the Ram temple. At Dashrath Mahal, special rituals are organised on Holi.

Kanak Bhawan, just ahead of the Dashrath Mahal, will

also be decorated for the festive occasion. All temples across Ayodhya will be decorated with flowers and special arrangements will be made there for Holi. All mutts and ashrams will also make special arrangements this Holi.

According to the Trust, classical singers will perform on Holi and songs related with the festival will be sung. Naga sadhus of Hanuman Garhi temple are also planning to make the upcoming Holi special. "Most ardent disciple of Lord Ram is Lord Hanuman. So, how can Hanuman Garhi be left behind in celebrations on this special Holi," said Raju Das, priest of Hanuman Garhi.

Holi revelries in temples of Ayodhya will start from Rangbhari Ekadashi on March 20 when Naga Sadhus of Hanuman Garhi will play Holi with presiding deity of the temple, Lord Hanuman.

Starting from Rangbhari Ekadashi, every temple across the city decides its date and time to celebrate Holi with presiding deity of the temple. These celebrations continue till Holi day